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The "patent families" annex to the search report shows U.S. counterparts for the cited documents, and these U.S. patents are also listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed.

The European Search Report also lists U.S. Patent No. 4,692,188 which was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 6, 2000, with a copy enclosed. Accordingly, it is not cited herein and an additional copy is not enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Second Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

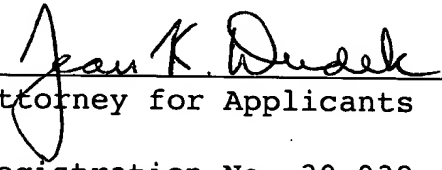
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form

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